

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:  
Paul David Metcalfe

Serial No.: 10/827,228

Confirmation No.: 2944

Filed: April 19, 2004

For: CONNECTOR FOR  
EXPANDABLE WELL SCREEN

MAIL STOP AMENDMENTS  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

§  
§  
§  
§  
§  
§  
§  
§  
§  
§  
§

Group Art Unit: 3672

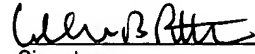
Examiner: Jennifer Hawkins Gay

Customer No. 36735

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING  
37 CFR 1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on 10/22/04, 2004.

William B. Patterson  
Typed Name

  
Signature

Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 7, 2004**

In response to the Office Action dated September 7, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 7, 2004, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/MRKS/0027.C1/WBP, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper. **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper. **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 7 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet. **Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.